

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A molding process for manufacturing a molded article includes the steps of placing a flexible hollow member in a mold cavity, inserting a supporting member in the hollow member, introducing a molding raw material into the mold cavity around the hollow member to form a molded part that encloses a portion of the hollow member, removing the molded part together with the hollow member and the supporting member from the mold cavity, and withdrawing the hollow member and the supporting member from the molded part to form a channel in the molded part.

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